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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE TO BE DELIVERED TODAY
TO AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN.

BEGIN TEXT: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WISHES TO REAFFIRM
THE SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE KRSKO
NUCLEAR POWER STATION. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS
AWARE OF THE VERY SIGNIFICANT ROLE WHICH THE KRSKO STATION
WILL PLAY IN YUGOSLAVIA'S LONG-RANGE ENERGY PROGRAM AND IS
INTERESTED IN THE SUCCESSFUL AND TIMELY COMPLETION OF THE
PROJECT. IN ADDITION TO KRSKO, THE UNITED STATES GOVERN-
MENT WISHES TO DEVELOP MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION WITH
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YUGOSLAVIA IN OTHER AREAS OF THE PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ENERGY

FIELD.

PRESIDENT FORD'S OCTOBER 28 STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR POLICY--A COPY OF WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN PROVIDED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA--EMPHASIZED HIS ADMINISTRATION'S DETERMINATION TO ENHANCE THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES AS A RELIABLE AND LONG-TERM SUPPLIER OF NUCLEAR FUEL AND EQUIPMENT. THE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN YUGOSLAVIA'S OVERALL ENERGY NEEDS.

THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ALSO STRESSED HEIGHTENED AMERICAN CONCERN OVER THE INCREASED DANGERS OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND THE RELATED NEED FOR AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL ACTIONS TO STRENGTHEN PROLIFERATION CONTROLS. THIS DEEP CONCERN IN THE UNITED STATES IS SHARED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS AND REFLECTS BROAD PUBLIC SUPPORT WHICH HAS DEVELOPED BOTH HERE AND ABROAD FOR A POLICY WHICH LAYS HEAVY STRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF PROLIFERATION. THE POSITION WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA HAS CONSISTENTLY TAKEN ON THE ISSUE OF PROLIFERATION INDICATES CLEARLY THAT IT, TOO, HAS SIMILAR CONCERNS.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS WELL AWARE OF YUGOSLAVIA'S COMMITMENTS UNDER THE NPT AND APPRECIATES THE STONG STAND AGAINST PROLIFERATION WHICH YUGOSLAVIA HAS TAKEN. WE ARE ALSO AWARE OF THE FACT THAT YUGOSLAVIA HAS, THROUGH ITS AGREEMENTS WITH THE IAEA, PROVIDED CERTAIN SAFEGUARDS FOR KRSKO. HOWEVER, THESE IAEA SAFEGUARDS DO NOT ADEQUATELY DEAL WITH U.S. CONCERNS ON REPROCESSING AND RETRANSFER.

BECAUSE OF THESE CONCERNS, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVES IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED POLICY STATEMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WISHES TO OBTAIN FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA AN EARLY ASSURANCE THAT ANY REPROCESSING OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF ANY FUEL IRRADIATED IN THE KRSKO NUCLEAR POWER STATION OR ANY TRANSFER TO ANOTHER COUNTRY OF ANY NUCLEAR MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED BY THE UNITED STATES OR ANY PRO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DUCTS THEREOF WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATION AND PRIOR MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. ON THE BASIS OF SUCH AN ASSURANCE THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO ISSUE EXPEDITIOUSLY EXPORT LICENSES FOR BOTH THE REACTOR AND FOR ITS EARLY ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL NEEDS.

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THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT ITS INTEREST IN OBTAINING THE ASSURANCE DESCRIBED ABOVE STEMS FROM OVERALL UNITED STATES POLICY TO DECREASE THE RISKS OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND THAT WE ARE SEEKING NOTHING FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA WHICH WE DO NOT ALREADY HAVE OR PLAN TO SEEK FROM OTHER NATIONS WITH WHICH WE COOPERATE IN THE CIVIL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. FURTHERMORE, IT IS

THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY TO ENCOURAGE OTHER SUPPLIERS OF NUCLEAR REACTORS AND FUEL TO OBTAIN SIMILAR ASSURANCES FROM THE NATIONS THEY SUPPLY.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ALSO WISHES TO REITERATE THE READINESS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA ON POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANDED BILATERAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ENERGY, INCLUDING COOPERATION TO ASSURE RELIABLE SUPPLIES OF NUCLEAR FUEL AT EQUITABLE PRICES. IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER PROVISIONS FOR ADEQUATE PHYSICAL SECURITY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND FACILITIES AND FOR U.S. BACK-UP SAFEGUARDS RIGHTS COMPARABLE TO THOSE NORMALLY OBTAINED IN OUR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION.

GIVEN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST IN EARLY AND SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE KRSKO NUCLEAR POWER STATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WISHES TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED IMMEDIATELY TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS MATTER AND TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ASSURANCE IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE PROMPT ISSUANCE OF EXPORT LICENSES FOR THE REACTOR AND ITS EARLY ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 3, 1976. END TEXT.

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